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## BRIDGEPORT ARMS WORKS WILL GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO TWO THOUSAND NEXT MONTH

### WHAT DOES OUR CITY DO FOR THE GIRL STRANGER?

Emily Emmet, of The Farmer Staff, Will Tell of Her Adventures When She Became a Poor Girl Seeking Work.

What Does Bridgeport And Its Charitable Organizations Offer the Friendless Girl Who Reaches the City Seeking Work? "NOTHING!" is Her Emphatic Answer.

(By Emily Emmet.)  
Where can a poor, illiterate girl coming to this city to seek work and having no knowledge of the town and but little money find a place to sleep? The question had troubled me much, I knew that many well-meaning people of the city rested comfortably in the thought that they contributed to the Protective Association, the Y. W. C. A., and various other charitable organizations which are supposed to care for young women in their general work but I wanted to know how they who in many of this city was to know of these havens of refuge, whether their existence was generally known throughout the rooming house section, and whether a girl would readily be directed to them.

There are in Bridgeport some 10,000 odd women working in factories alone, according to the United States Census report for 1910. That census gave the number of women in the manufacturing industries as 7,624, or about 38 per cent. of the total of 23,663 factory wage earners. In six years the increase in the number of women in the number of women beyond the ten thousand mark. As 59,505 of the total population of 102,954 given for that year are females, generally speaking about half of every state's females of the city is employed in a factory. This total does not at all include the hundreds of women in domestic service, in numerous offices, connected with factories, in the schools as teachers, in stores, hotels, restaurants, telephone offices and the like, which swell the number considerably. In the whole world there is perhaps no city which has a greater percentage of women wage earners than Bridgeport. At least 95 per cent. or more of these girls are working because they must support themselves.

Such an industrial center for women news of whose booming activities particularly at the present, is being spread broadcastly. It is the place toward which turn girls from smaller towns, villages and even larger cities where there are less opportunities for the woman in industry.

What does Bridgeport offer the lonely girl stranger who steps from a train with a dollar or two in her pocket, a willingness to work, an innocent heart and an untried mind?

NOTHING!

From the moment that she steps from the train, unless her guardian angel hover close, she is completely at the mercy of the world, there is which may come across her path. Nowhere, it seems, can she find one who will direct her where she may safely stay for the night, for there is no such place with the exception of the Protective Headquarters, which, unfortunately, is little known among the places, where she is most likely to wander in the search for a sleeping place.

The furnished room houses, whose fronts blindly display signs telling that rooms may be rented within are found to be "all filled up" once the girl has determined that the girl is not prosperous enough looking for his establishment. Even as she rings at the door of one of these establishments she has by way of deterring the character of the place and there are many whose characters are questionable.

If she is fortunate she will meet with kindness if not, in a quest where she may end. In all the life of such a girl who comes to this city under these circumstances, there is probably not a time when chance so completely rules her destiny as in those few hours during which she is searching for a room.

It is always easy to discuss a problem from a superior view point not gained by actual experience in the subject. Many people exclaim: "Why we have this organization and that organization to which a girl could go under similar circumstances. Whether or "this organization" and "that organization" are as well known as they should be, whether she can be directed there or not, whether they actually do as much good as the leaders of officials, with the aid of an energetic press agent lead the contributors to their support and the general public into thinking they do, is quite another thing.

There is but one way of determining such conditions and that is by living through them, yourself.

It was with this thought that I decided to find out just what were the experiences of a girl coming to Bridgeport to look for work, having no room and but little money to pay for one.

Two weeks ago last night I borrowed

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Force Will Be Increased By 500 a Month Until 10,000 Men Are At Work — Authoritative Statement of Vast Scope of Great Enterprise of East Bridgeport.

PRINCELY WAGES WILL BE PAID TO MEN WHO SHOW THEIR WORTH Plant Will Not Enter Into Competition With Real Estate Dealers But Will Leave Housing Problems for Great Influx of Strangers To Bridgeport Folks.

The Farmer is in a position to-day to state authentically the plans of the Bridgeport Arms Works for the development of its immense new plant in this city. The great construction project that is being carried out in the neighborhood of Boston avenue, naturally results in labor problems and The Farmer has received details, authorized, of the manner in which the vast concern will meet them.

The first thing the Bridgeport Arms Works will do when its building is completed far enough to permit, is to give every unemployed man in Bridgeport a job.

When every unemployed person has a job, men will be imported. By the middle of this summer, 10,000 men will have been put to work here, and 8,000 will have been added to the population of Bridgeport by the Arms Works alone.

Experts and other skilled men will come from all parts of the country, particularly from the neighborhood of Springfield, Mass., and Watervliet (West Troy), where such men are employed.

This will mean many hundreds of homes will have to be built this year. The Bridgeport Arms Works, however, will build upon the speed with which shipments of material are made. It is hoped it will be ready within a month, and it is expected that the double five-story building at the east end of the building operations will be ready and occupied by the middle of May.

The vast scale on which the Arms Works plans may be seen from the fact that it has taken a survey of the city, and has found that there are 2,000 unemployed in Bridgeport. Officials have concluded that there are 2,000 available men. By available, it is meant mechanics, carpenters, plumbers, tool makers and almost any kind of men who are willing to work, and provided he is a workman fit to enter an industrial plant. Skill does not matter in procuring a job, although it will help in earning money. One doesn't have to know a trade to get a job.

By summer, it is expected there will not be an unemployed man resident in Bridgeport, provided he wants work and he is reputable. These present me housing problem, as they will all have homes.

The wages that will be paid by the Arms Works will be considered princely as compared with other trades. Why? For the workmen may not earn more than some of the men at the arms plant. Forty, fifty and sixty dollars a week will not be unusual among the men on piece work.

When the big plant will be ready is not definitely known as everything depends upon the speed with which shipments of material are made. It is hoped it will be ready within a month, and it is expected that the double five-story building at the east end of the building operations will be ready and occupied by the middle of May.

CHAMBERLAIN TO TEST LOTTERING LAW BY APPEAL

In order to test the law regarding women loitering in saloons, Attorney John C. Chamberlain, representing Thomas Tobin, has decided to appeal to the supreme court from the jury's verdict of guilty, handed down last week in the criminal common pleas court. Acting Judge Samuel Davis of Danbury denied a motion by Attorney Chamberlain this morning to set aside the jury's verdict. He claimed it was contrary to the weight of evidence.

The whole question is upon the interpretation of the word "loiter." Attorney Chamberlain declared that if a woman bought a glass of beer and stayed an hour drinking the beverage she was not loitering. The state claimed women frequented Tobin's place at 33 Middle street for the purpose of attracting men.

After the jury found Tobin guilty last week Judge Davis imposed a fine of \$100 and costs.

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## CREDITORS TURN DOWN OFFER OF FURNITURE HOUSE

Store Will Be Closed And DeLaney Is Made Trustee in Bankruptcy.

ONLY 500 WERE IN FAVOR OF SCHEME

Question Now Arises As To Best Manner of Selling Goods on Hand.

Following the refusal of the majority of creditors to accept the revised offer, Prosecutor A. L. DeLaney was this morning appointed trustee of the Grand Rapids Furniture Co. by Referee in Bankruptcy Banks. He will close the store and sell the furniture to the best advantage. The estate will follow the usual bankruptcy procedure and the creditors will get a small dividend. Referee Banks estimated this dividend at 10 per cent, but Attorney R. C. Mallette, who represents most of the merchandise creditors, said he didn't think it would be more than five per cent.

The hearing was held in the county court house to consider the offer of Secretary Badesch of the Grand Rapids Co., who agreed to have \$5,000 worth of furniture set aside as security for the first payment of a 25 per cent. dividend provided the concern could do business in the meantime. Attorney Mallette, who appeared for 60 merchandise creditors representing claims of \$13,000, opposed the acceptance. So did Attorney Frank G. Brown of Southington and James H. Mather of Bristol.

There will be a hearing on May 10 on a motion to allow Trustee DeLaney to sell the stock. Counsel seemed to think today that more money might be obtained by selling the furniture in private than by holding a public sale.

Three appraisers, E. W. Dunning, Frank Cohen and Attorney John H. Spafford, were appointed by Referee Banks. Trustee DeLaney was placed in bonds of \$15,000.

Secretary Badesch made a statement to the gathering in which he laid out the plan for the liquidation of the concern. He thought if the revised offer had been accepted that the creditors would have found it satisfactory.

A new complication was added today when Attorney L. S. Finkleton gave notice that he would file a claim in the bankruptcy proceedings in the bankruptcy court in behalf of eight creditors of the Grand Rapids Co. who have been unable to get their cash bonds, they deposited with the company to guarantee faithful performance of their duties.

These bonds were \$50 in some cases and \$100 in others. It is understood that the company had about \$1,500 in cash when it failed and it is from this that Attorney Finkleton hopes to reclaim the bonds, which amount to about \$500.

There was only a small crowd at today's hearing, eight women being in the number.

SATAN'S KINGDOM  
SWEEP BY FLAMES

New Hartford, Conn., April 26.—It was estimated today that in the forest fire which swept through Satan's Kingdom yesterday between 2,000 and 3,000 acres were burned over. The old asbestos mill was destroyed and several houses threatened at New Hartford. The fire is still burning on Yellow Mountain.

Lost Any Keys? They Might Be Among Those At Police Headquarters

Have you lost any keys? If you have missed any during the last three months, they may be at police headquarters where the officers are anxious to get rid of nearly a drawerful picked up by police men on their beats. Small keys, large keys, rings filled with many belonging to stores, houses and trunks are in the Port of Missing Keys at the police station. They will soon be cleaned out for good. So, if you have lost any in the last few months a trip to the station might result in finding them.

CHINESE ASK PRESIDENT TO INTERCEDE WITH JAPAN

Honolulu, April 26.—Chinese residents of Honolulu at a mass meeting last night, decided to send an appeal by cable to President Wilson and to the British foreign office at London asking their good offices to assist the Chinese to resist the demands of Japan to the end that China may avoid war with her neighbor.

U. S. S. Dolphin and Bark in Collision

New York, April 26.—The Norwegian bark Ville De Dieppe, bound in from Havre, ran afoul of the United States dispatch boat Dolphin at Quarantine early to-day.

The Dolphin appeared to be practically uninjured and the bark was taken in tow by a tug and anchored off Stapleton, S. I. The extent of her injuries could not be learned but it was believed they were not serious.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair to-night and warmer Tuesday. Moderate southwest winds.

## TOWERMAN FINDS WOMAN'S CORPSE ON R. R. TRACKS

No Identification Made of Victim of Early Morning Fatality.

BODY IS MANGLED BEYOND RECOGNITION

Sunrise Discloses Terribly Mutilated Corpse on Tracks in West End.

The mangled remains of a woman, as yet unidentified, were discovered at sunrise this morning by the railroad signal operator at Burr Road tower, the West end. The body was mutilated beyond recognition. Up to press hour this afternoon the authorities had not succeeded in discovering her identity. It is believed she was a young matron.

The tracks there are in the way of a short cut which is often used, in spite of warnings by railroad watchmen, by residents of the neighborhood.

Through the clothing was almost torn to bits it is believed that the woman was well clad.

The victim was attired in a black serge skirt, beneath which had been a gray undershirt of material suitable for an outer garment. A shawl of plaid material, in which light greenish-gray material predominated had been thrown over the head.

The underclothing was of substantial texture. She wore black shoes of medium size, with rubber heels, the tops of which had been torn by the wheels.

Medical Examiner E. M. Garlick who was notified of the discovery immediately gave permission to remove the remains to the morgue.

JOHN BUNNY, FILM COMEDIAN, IS DEAD

New York, April 26.—John Bunny, whose antics as a moving picture actor, have made millions laugh, died at his home in Brooklyn today. He had been ill for about three weeks of a complication of diseases.

Members of his family were with him when he died. For a week he had apparently been on the mend. A month ago, strenuous work, it is believed, caused the breakdown which resulted in his death.

Kicks Package of Dynamite; Almost Dies From Frigate

Policeman Edwin G. Bulkeley of the precinct station kicked at the door of a package yesterday afternoon and is still on earth.

He and Sergeant Charles Wheeler were walking near Maplewood and Laurel avenues when a package lay in the path. Policeman Bulkeley approached, gave it a well-directed kick and sent it flying many feet.

Sergeant Wheeler went to the package, bent down and tore the wrapper. He jumped as it shot when he saw the contents.

"Dynamite!" he whispered. "My Lord!" gasped Bulkeley and he turned a sickly white. In a few seconds he had flown to the gate of St. Peter and found himself safely landed on earth again.

The package is now in a pall of water at the precinct station. It contains seven short, dark-colored sticks. Where it came from cannot be learned, but it is assumed it was stolen.

Offers Valuable Dog At Ten Cents; Police of Trenton Arrest Him

Walter E. Mann, a negro, aged about 44 years, is being held by the police of Trenton, N. J., following his effort to sell a valuable collie dog for ten cents.

When questioned by the police of that city who have asked the local police authorities to make an investigation of Mann's identity, the prisoner told them that he came from Bridgeport where he lived with his wife Mary at 417 Main street, and was employed by the Bannum & Bailey circus. He said that the dog he had in Trenton was the mother of five puppies now at the winter quarters.

Inquiry by police of the third precinct station this morning failed to substantiate any of Mann's statements. He is said never to have worked with the circus.

Bitten on Thumb When He Attempts To Muzzle Animal

Henry Smith, residing at 238 Smith street attempted yesterday to muzzle his dog in compliance with the county health officers order. His dog never took a muzzle and disliked it. Before the case was heard Smith was put on the dog's head Smith had received a severe puncture of his right thumb caused by the dog's snapping. Treatment was rendered at the emergency hospital.

COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD TONIGHT

The fire department committee of the common council will meet at 7:15 o'clock this evening in the city clerk's office to consider petitions on which reports will be made to the council tonight.

Miss Margaret Nihil, 18, of Orange, N. J., was fined \$25 for speeding an auto out of the town limits. The fine was paid by her companion at the time of her arrest.

## GREATEST BATTLE OF WORLD'S WAR RAGING ON YSER

Terrific Conflict Along Yser Canal Said To Be Most Severe of Entire Campaign — Germans Claim Capture of 1,000 Canadians — Italy Near War, is Report in Rome — New Attack on Dardanelles Begun.

NEW ATTACK ON DARDANELLES

London, April 26.—The admiralty and the war office declared this afternoon that a general attack on the Dardanelles had begun. It says an armed force "had disembarked successfully."

"The general attack on the Dardanelles by the fleet and the army was resumed yesterday," says the announcement.

"The disembarkation of the army, covered by the fleet, began before sunrise at various points on the Gallipoli peninsula."

"The landing of the army and the advance continue."

London, April 26.—What some military critics are inclined to pronounce the "greatest battle of the war" is now under way at the Yser Canal.

Official reports are both meagre and contradictory but it generally is believed in London that the Germans again are making desperate efforts to break through to the French channel ports. Some such recrudescence of the German offensive has been anticipated by the war experts, but this movement forestalling the long predicted allied offensive comes as a distinct shock to the general public.

It is impossible as yet to get a clear idea of the extent of the movement, but special despatches to London papers describe it as an important one. The Germans are even credited with bringing Field Marshal Von Hindenburg from the east to conduct the operations and Emperor William himself is reported as proceeding to the front.

In the eastern arena of hostilities the Carpathians compete with the Yser for interest. The gateway into Hungary formed by the Theek Pass

again is becoming a zone of sanguinary fighting with neither side making any great gains. The falcony between England and Holland is still being kept clear of commercial shipping, with the result that the steamer Noordam, bearing the women delegates to the peace conference is held up in the Downs. An appeal has been sent to Ambassador Page.

Operations in the North Sea are still a deep mystery but special re-

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## ROOSEVELT'S LETTERS TELL G. O. P. METHODS OF PASSING OUT JOBS

Syracuse, N. Y., April 26.—Score of confidential letters taken from the files kept by the late Thomas C. Platt while he was representing the state of New York in the United States Senate were today read to the jury trying William Barnes' suit for alleged libel against Theodore Roosevelt in the supreme court here.

Some of the letters were signed by Senator Platt while others were signed by Col. Roosevelt. In nearly all of them the writer discussed the duties of office in the state government and in reply to a question by Mr. Barnes counsel the former President said he consulted freely with Senator Platt about affairs at Albany, knowing and realizing at all times that he (Platt) was the "Boss" of the Republican party in this state.

Justice Andrews was a few minutes late in opening court and when proceedings opened a stipulation between counsel was read into the record to the effect that depositions of four unnamed witnesses outside the state should have the same effect as if the witnesses appeared on the stand.

Col. Roosevelt, having taken the witness chair, Mr. Evans put into the record letters that passed between Mr. Barnes and Col. Roosevelt and between the colonel and Herbert Parsons, dated August 21, 1908. In his letter Mr. Barnes discussed Governor Hughes. He said that should Hughes be elected he would set up a political machine and that all who opposed him would have to "sneak in the back door or get out of politics."

The reply of Colonel Roosevelt, on the stationery of the White House but written at Oyster Bay, was as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Barnes: Yesterday I saw Sherman, Bennett, George Smith, Mike Dady, Cooks and Hitchcock, chairman of the national committee here. I have been carefully going into the Hughes matter since I saw you. I appreciate to the full the force of the arguments you urged against his nomination. It is not pleasant for me to support a man who has so wantonly behaved badly to the very man who did most in securing his election."

"I would approve his turning them down in the public interest but I object to its being done wantonly. Moreover, I appreciate that he has alienated quite needlessly very many voters and if we had the right man to put in his place (the right man from the standpoint of getting votes) I should say that it was certainly wise to nominate such a man. But no such man is in sight and there does not seem to be the slightest chance of his arising. Under the conditions it seems to me that while it will do damage to the renominate Hughes it will do more damage not to renominate him and that this damage will extend outside of the state. While, there-

fore, I want most emphatically to disclaim any intention of seeming to dictate the nomination, I think I ought to tell you that my judgment is that the convention ought to renominate him. I am sure that the delegates from this district will be for him. Bennett, Sherman and Dady insist that there is no alternative to his renomination. Outside the state, however, as well as in his judgment, in New York. Even Smith finally announced that he inclines to take the same view. I must add that everyone present agreed to keep absolutely quiet in this matter and to consult with you, among others, before any kind of a conclusion was announced. Just from this, please, should judge some one had talked. I was as much surprised as anyone when I saw the statements in the press."

The Sherman mentioned was the late Vice President of the United States. A copy of the foregoing letter was sent to Mr. Parsons.

On August 24, 1908, Col. Roosevelt wrote to Mr. Barnes from Washington as follows:

"Most emphatically whatever my friends do up in Albany I shall stand by them. I have given them, including you, my best judgment. Now if you and those like you fear that I shall ask you to cut your throats your fear is groundless. But my judgment is that the convention will nominate Hughes and that it would hurt very much more not to nominate him than to nominate him, although it will undoubtedly hurt us also to nominate him."

On August 27, Col. Roosevelt wrote to Herbert Parsons, who at that time was a member of Congress. In part, the letter, which was from the White House, was as follows:

"You were very strong in your statements of what the men under you said to Hughes' unpopularity and I certainly understood you to say that Bennett felt exactly as you did. When Bennett tells me, as the local leaders tell me, that the sentiment is very strong for the renomination of Hughes, I have got to take notice of it."

"I entirely agree with all you say as to your just reasons for complaint against Governor Hughes and furthermore with all you say as to the fact that many of those who desire his renomination desire it chiefly for the purpose of hurting the Republican party. Moreover, my dear Parsons, you can hardly seriously suppose that, to quote your own words, I am trying to 'treat you as a puppet'—that is, if you mean me when you say those in charge of the national campaign, which of course I am not. On the contrary, I have written again and again to Taft and to Hitchcock

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